

REMARKS

A total of twenty (20) claims remain pending (1-6, 13, 15-19, 22-26, and 42-44) in the application upon entry of the above amendments.

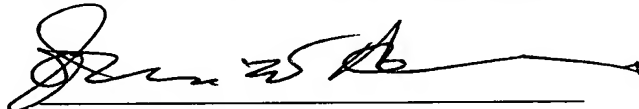
A substitute set of claims is submitted herewith. Support for the claims exists in the specification and claims of the PCT application to which this application claims priority under 35 USC §371.

The specification has been amended to place the specification in a format consistent with U.S. patent practice. Multiple dependencies have been deleted and no new matter has been added. Favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event any fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge said fees to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,
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